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SUBJECT: DETERIORATION OF ESSO'S LIBYA OPERATIONS

1. ESSO REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT GREENWALD JUST COMPLETED INSPECTION VISIT TO LIBYA AND BRIEFED CHARGE BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK. IT HAD BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE HE LAST INSPECTED COMPANY'S OPERATIONS HERE. HE SAID HE WAS DISMAYED BY EXTENT TO WHICH ESSO OPERATIONS HAD DETERIORATED AS RESULT OF PROBLEMS CAUSED BY LIBYAN GOVT-- WITHHOLDING OF WORK PERMITS, DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING EQUIPMENT AND SPARES, ACCELERATED ATTRITION OF FOREIGN TECHNICIANS, ETC.

2. HE CONCLUDED COMPANY COULD NOT CONTINUE TO WORK UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS AND GREENWALD IS WEIGHING POSSIBLE OPTIONS. APPARENTLY ONE WORTHY OF CLOSE CONSIDERATION WOULD BE ARRANGEMENT FOR ESSO SIMPLY TO SELL ITS MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO LARG IN RETURN FOR RIGHT TO PURCHASE PERCENTAGE OF PRODUCTION.

3. GREENWALD HAD SOME DISCUSSION WITH PETROLEUM
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MINISTER MABROUK ABOUT ESSO'S PROBLEMS. HE WILL

VISIT WASHINGTON IN FEW DAYS AND ASK FOR APPOINTMENT
WITH AF/N DIRECTOR BLAKE.
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